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Related Gene Transcripts in Blood

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 28, 2006.

As previously agreed with the Examiner, Applicant has amended the claims and **redirected the invention to a single gene** selected from the genes noted in **Table 3M** directed to methods of diagnosing rheumatoid arthritis. Applicant believes that the amended claims are directed to a single invention and as such comply with the essence of the restriction requirement.

A four month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to restriction requirement and Amendment. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 204231/2055Q.

Amendments to the Title: Applicant respectfully request the title of the application be amended to “Method for the Detection of Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Gene Transcripts in Blood” to more accurately reflect the scope of the elected invention.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the “Listing of the Claims” which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 5 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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